New York, April 22d. 1856.

Dear Brother Garrison,

Inclosed I send you a Certificate of Deposit for 100 dollars. You will recollect that when in poor health and straitened for means to live, in 1843, by your kind suggestion of my needs to Wendell Phillips and Mrs. M. W. Chapman, they each generously presented you with fifty (~~dollars~~) for my relief, and I have felt ever since that I was indebted to the cause for this amount and was bound to return it - as soon as I could do so. Having it in my power to pay this amount back to the Anti Slavery cause without embarrassing myself, it gives me more pleasure than I can express to fulfil this long desired duty. It has weighed heavily on my mind ever since I received it, because it was not given to the furtherance of Emancipation, as I was of no service to that cause in Massachu-setts and was not at all needed there, but it was kindly and mercifully bestowed on me to aid me and my poor wife, (now gone to her blessed home) in our distress. I want you to tell Mr Phillips and Mrs Chapman that the money is at their disposal, and to be appropriated as they shall direct, and if given to Anti Slavery, to be acknowledged, (if acknowledged in any Report or Newspaper,) as their Donation. It must not be published as as any Donation of mine, as this would not be true - it is only the discharge of a just obligation - the payment in part of a debt.

for I really still owe 91 dollars, the interest of 13 years at per cent – which I hope, if spared, and when able to do so, to pay over to the same cause.

Now one word more – I have feared that they might take it unkindly ~~and~~ regard me as slighting their beneficence in thus returning the money – but they may rest assured that I feel as grateful to them, and ever shall, as though I had never made any return; and in the eyes of our Heavenly Father, ~~[illegible]~~ in their own bosoms and in my heart they will never be without their reward. By appropriating this to the cause they most cherish they will receive a double reward – the blessing of two wayfaring Pilgrims and the down trodden slave. I fully believe that my dear departed wife has been urging this thing upon me, and will rejoice more than myself in seeing it accomplished. Though she does not communicate with me directly, nor do I wish or seek for any such thing, yet I believe she is with me always, participating in all my thoughts, impressions, &c and is ever endeavoring under God to lead me to do all that is holy, just and good. She was one of the purest and noblest of ~~[illegible]~~ women while she lived here, and I can only think of her now as an angelic being in the celestial sphere, and with a reverence almost amounting to worship. I live solitary and yet am never alone.

Give my love to all your dear family, and accept my ever enduring regard and affection.

Ever Sincerely Yours,
James Boyle.

No 21 College Place.

After the 1st of May I will be at No 156 Chambers St, Could you not, while attending the Anniversary, take dinner with me at No 10, Waverly Place, some afternoon, at 6 o'clock P.M. – or see me there, or at my office? Try to do so, if you can.

P.S. Please acknowledge this – that I may know of its safe arrival